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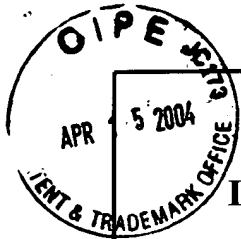
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Dated:

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WHEREAS, We, TODD R. RUHBUSCH of Holmen, Wisconsin; Natalie G. Casey-Shuman of Pittsfield, New Hampshire; and Michael L. Roy of Sanbornton, New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a RECLOSABLE CONTAINER WITH AUTOMATIC CLOSURE SYSTEM, for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been made, said application may be identified in the United States Patent Office by Appl. No. 10/622,925 filed July 17, 2003.


Whereas, GRAPHIC PACKAGING INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation, having a post office address of 814 Livingston Court, Marietta, GA 30067 (the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged from the Assignee, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application, all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, or renewals thereof, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue therefrom, including all reissues or extensions of such patents including all of my rights under the International Convention (collectively "the Patent Rights"), and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned Assignee in accordance herewith.

We further authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

We represent and warrant that we have the right and authority to execute this Assignment and to convey all our right, title, and interest in the Patent Rights, and that we have not conveyed nor will convey hereafter all or part of the Patent Rights therein to a third party; and we do hereby covenant and agree with the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute in writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

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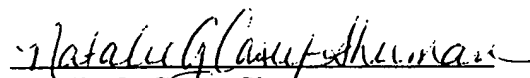
  
Todd R. Ruhbusch

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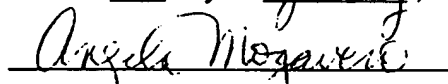


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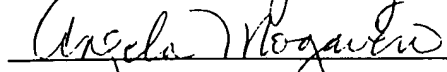
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